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**Year 1 Nightingale and Seacole Classes
Newsletter: 28th October 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term. We hope that you enjoyed the break with your children.

**Let’s Celebrate!**

This half term our topic is ‘Celebrations’. We will be learning about celebrations from different cultures. Each week will be looking at different gifts and throughout the half term we will be creating our own surprise gifts for our families.

**Our webpage**

Don’t forget to look at the webpage for updates on what we are learning about in Year 1. Here you will find examples of our incredible work, information about homework (including examples and ideas) and links to helpful websites which will support your child’s education.

**Homework**

Homework will continue to be set weekly and will consist of:

* 5 words to learn how to spell (and write!) and 5 vocabulary words to learn the meaning of. The children will be tested on these every Monday.
* Times tables and basic maths activities to do at home.
* Child reads to an adult for a minimum of 5 minutes every day.
* Adult reads to the child for a minimum of 5 minutes every day.

We will be sending home another “homework menu” of exciting topic projects for your child to choose from. These need to be completed and returned by December 17th, when the children will have the chance to share and discuss their work with their class. If you require any support with this, please speak to your class teacher.

**Reminders**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct, clearly labelled uniform. Children need to bring their reading diaries and books to school every day. The weather is getting colder so please make sure children come to school in a warm coat, we spend lots of time outside! To help us get the most out of our P.E. lessons, please continue to support your children with learning how to undress and dress themselves.

We are excited for another super half-term with your lovely children!

Miss Byrne and Mrs Moore (Miss O’D got married in the holidays!)

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**Diary Dates: Autumn 2019**

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| **Date** | **Year Group** | **Time** | **Event** |
| Wednesday 30th October | Year 4 | All Day | Ancient Greek Day (children are invited to dress up –optional) |
| Thursday 31st October | Year 6 | 3.00pm | Deadline for applying for a Year 7 place for September 2020 |
| Tuesday 5th November | All | After School | Book Fair in the Sports Hall this week |
| Friday 8th November | Reception Boot | 08.45 to 10.00 am | Stay & Play session - Boot Class families |
| Monday 11th November  | All |  | National Anti-bullying Week |
| Wednesday 13th November | Year 5 | Day | Science trip to National Space Centre |
| Friday 15th November | All | Day | Children in Need Charity EventNon-uniform day |
| Friday 15th November | Reception Bell | 08.45 to 10.00 am | Stay & Play session - Bell Class families |
| Monday 18th November | All | Day | Pupil Individual Photos |
| Wednesday 20th November | Nursery & Reception | Day | A visitor with owls! |
| Thursday 21st November | Cadbury | 2.00pm  | Open Afternoon for families of Cadbury Class |
| Wednesday 27th November | All | 2.00 – 4.30 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 28th November | All | 3.30 – 6.00 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Wednesday 4th December | All | Day | School Closed for Staff Training |
| Thursday 5th December | Choir | 3.00 – 4.30 pm | Meadows Christmas Lights Switch On |
| Friday 6th December | All | lunchtime | School Christmas Meal |
| Tuesday 10th December | Nursery & Reception | 9.30am | Early Years Christmas Nativity Show |
| Thursday 12th December | Year 5 | 2.00pm | Space Expo for Year 5 Parents |
| Thursday 12th December | All | Day | NHS Flu Immunisations (nose spray) |
| Friday 13th December | All | pm | Christingle at St George’s Church |
| Tuesday 17th December | Years 1 & 2 | 9.30am2.00pm | Christmas Show Performance  |
| Tuesday 17th December | Year 1 | Day | Homework Projects Day |
| Wednesday 18th December | Years 3 - 6 | 9.15am | Family Christmas Sing-along |
| Wednesday 18th December | All | 3.15pm | School closes for Christmas Holidays |



